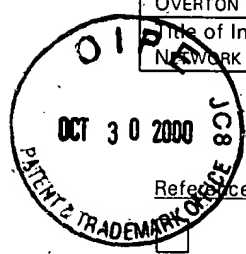


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Inventor(s) OVERTON ET AL.			
Title of Invention NETWORK DISTRIBUTED TRACKING WIRE TRANSFER PROTOCOL			



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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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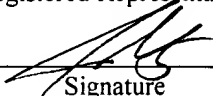
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Wire Transfer Protocol)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit documents A1-A62 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the documents are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Applicants also would like to bring the Examiner's attention to the following three pending U.S. patent applications:

U.S. patent application serial number 09/503,441; filed February 14, 2000; titled "Automated System for Image Archiving"

U.S. patent application serial number 09/111,896; filed July 8, 1998; titled "System and Method for Establishing and Retrieving Data Based on Global Indices"


U.S. patent application serial number 09/367,461; filed August 13, 1999; titled "Automated Image Archiving System"

Also, Applicants note that document A52 is a published PCT application corresponding to the '461 patent application and that document A53 is a published PCT application corresponding to the '896 patent application.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest that these documents are prior art against the present application.

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	A6	5,193,185	03/09/93	LANTER		
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	A8	5,455,648	10/03/95	KAZAMI		
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	A13	5,875,302	02/23/99	OBHAN		
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	A15	5,848,246	12/08/98	GISH		
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	A59	Bourke D G et al: "Programmable Module and Circuit for Machine-Readable Unique Serial Number" IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 27, no. 4A, 1 September 1984 pages 1942-1944.
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	A61	"Method for Network Naming and Routing" IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 37, no. 9, 1 September 1994 page 255.
	A62	"Minimizing Locking To Access Global Shared Data", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, pp 619-622, February 1995.

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